

REMARKS

Claims 1-80 are pending in the above-captioned patent application following this amendment. Claims 1-80 were subject to a restriction requirement. The Group II claims which read on Species VI and Sub-species A, comprising claims 1-10, 13-16, 18, 23-24, 31-41, 43-46, 48, 52-53, 59-68 and 70 were elected with traverse. The Applicants further respectfully submit that at least claims 1-4, 6-7, 9, 31-33, 35-36, 38, 59-63, 65-66 and 68 are generic claims which read on each of the Species I-XII as defined by the Patent Office. Further, the Applicants submit that all of the claims read on each of the Sub-species.

No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment. Consideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Applicants respectfully assert that the Group II claims, comprising claims 1-76, should be examined together because the election requirement is improper. Alternatively, the Applicants submit that the claims of Species VI, Sub-species A, comprising claims 1-10, 13-16, 18, 23-24, 31-41, 43-46, 48, 52-53, 59-68 and 70, should be examined together, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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